

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated May 14, 2003, and the above amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 19 and 21 are allowed, which applicant gratefully acknowledges. Claims 3, 5 and 7 are objected to for having certain informalities. Claims 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Himeshima et al. (JP 10-050480 A).

By way of the foregoing amendment, claims 3, 5, and 7 have been amended as suggested by the examiner to recite "wherein the hole transporting layer comprises a polymer material". Claims 4 and 6 now include the limitation that the hole transporting layer contain molecules comprising bromine or iodine, or with a compound comprising transition metal. This limitation was already recited in the allowed claims 3, 5 and 7.

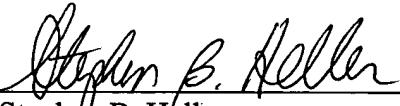
Finally, some of the C = N bonds were not drawn in the chemical formula in the previously-amended claim 2. Claim 2 has been amended to add the C = N bonds.

It is believed that the amendment does not raise new issues, places the application in condition for allowance, and should be entered despite the rejection being made final.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the application be allowed and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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